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SUBJECT: TWO CHINA POLICY FOR OLYMPIC COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

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1. SUMMARY: ROC OLYMPIC COMMITTEE TAKES TWO CHINA POSITION
IN ATTEMPT TO MAINTAIN ITS MEMBERSHIP IN INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC
COMMITTEE. END SUMMARY.

2. ENGLISH LANGUAGE CHINA NEWS FOR MAY 23 QUOTES ROC OLYMPIC COMITT-

EE (ROCO) SECRETARY GENERAL NIU PING-YI AS SAYING ROC
AGILL NOT OBJECT TO PRC ADMISSION TO INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC
COMMITTEE (OC) IF ROC RIGHTS ARE NOT AFFECTED. NIU STATED
"WE HAVE NEVER CLAIMED TO REPRESENT THE WHOLE OF CHINA IN
SPORTS..IT HAS BEEN OUR CONSISTENT POLICY NOT TO OPPOSE
THE ADMISSION OF ANY NEW MEMBER TO THE IOC". IN CONTEXT
OF ATTACK ON PRC "UNREASONABLE" DEMAND FOR ROC OUSTER,
NIU COMMENTED THAT PEKING DOES NOT CONTROL SPORTS
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ACTIVITIES IN "FREE CHINA" JUST AS TAIPEI DOES NOT CONTROL

SPORTS ACTIVITIES ON MAINLAND.

3. CHINA NEWS AND POST ALSO CARRIED UPI MAA 22 TOKYO DISPATCH REPORTING ROCOC CHAIRMAN HENRY HSU'S "PERSONAL VIEW" THAT "HIS COUNTRY AND THE PRC SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN INTERNATIONAL SPORTS EVENTS WITH SEPARATE TEAMS". COMMENTING THAT THIS IS FIRST TIME ROC SPORTS OFFICIAL HSU HAS INDICATED TAIWAN'S WILLINGNESS TO PARTICIPATE IN SPORTS EVENTS ALONGSIDE PRC TEAMS (NIU REPORTEDLY SIDESTEPPED THIS ISSUE).

4. NEITHER REPORT HAS YET APPEARED IN LOCAL CHINESE PRESS, WHICH LIMITED COVERAGE TO SUBSEQUENT ROCOC STATEMENT PLEDGING EFFORT TO MAINTAIN "LEGAL RIGHTS AND POSITION IN THE WORLD OF AMATEUR SPORTS." HOWEVER, CHINA NEWS FOLLOWED UP WITH REPORT THAT HSU HAD SUBMITTED RESIGNATION AFTER FAILURE TO MAINTAIN ROC MEMBERSHIP IN ASIAN GAMES FEDERATION, REPORT ALSO CITED RANKING ROCOC OFFICIAL AS SAYING HSU'S RESIGNATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

5. COMMENT: ROCOC TAKING TWO CHINAS POSITION NOT ENTIRELY NEW: UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT TO PRESERVE ROC MEMBERSHIP IN ASIAN GAMES FEDERATION WAS MADE ALONG SIMILAR LINES. NEVERTHELESS, FORTHCOMING BATTLE TO RETAIN MEMBERSHIP IN IOC WILL BE MUCH MORE VISIBLE THAN AGF STRUGGLE AND IT MIGHT PROVE TO BE A TESTING GROUND FOR POLICY THAT COULD BE EXPERIMENTED WITH ELSEWHERE.
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